

and Wales. Elsewhere it appears to be restricted to coastal areas. This leaves huge tracts of apparently suitable high ground for this species such as in Scotland, Ireland and the south west of England from which it is absent. Is this a genuine absence and if so for what reasons?

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MARGARET FOUNTAINE: THE FATE OF MANY OF HER BOOKS AND SOME OF HER NOTES. — In her Will in 1940, Margaret Fountaine bequeathed many of her books and some of her notes to 'the youngest member of the Royal Entomological Society'. At that time, this turned out to be a young American, a Mr. J. Dennis Cowper, who returned to the States presumably with much of the background to Margaret Fountaine. His last known address is in Los Angeles, but we have learned that the building has now been demolished.

We should much like to know of the whereabouts of this valuable collection of books and papers, and request anyone with information to write to: The Editor, Entomologist's Record, 1 Hardcourts Close, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9LG, England.

THE SILVER-SPOTTED SKIPPER: HESPERIA COMMA L., A NEW LOCALITY NEAR EASTBOURNE. — On the 21st August 1982, I was pleased to note a single female example of this scarce butterfly on the edge of the South Downs near Eastbourne. To my knowledge this is the first time the species has been recorded at this site which seems ideal for the insect. — M. PARSONS, The Forge, Russells Green, Ninfield, Battle, E. Sussex.

A NEW FOODPLANT FOR SYNTARUCUS PIRITHOUS L. — A single female *S. pirithous*, observed in the wild on Spetses island, Greece, in late August 1982, was seen laying eggs singly on the flower buds of an ornamental climbing *Jasminum* plant. I believe this to be an as yet unrecorded foodplant for this butterfly. — J. G. COUTSIS, 4 Glykonos Street, Athens 139, Greece.